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SUBJECT: OMAN MARKET FOR US WEST COAST LUMBER AND PLYWOOD

REF: STATE 39568

1. LOCAL PRODUCTION WOOD PRODUCTS ALL BUT NONEXISTENT.

2. 1974 IMPORTS WOOD PRODUCTS IN AVAILABLE DETAIL, IN THOUSANDS US\$, AS FOLLOWS (NOTE: UAE IS ENTREPOT, NOT RPT NOT ORIGINAL SOURCE):

A) SIC 242 WOOD IN THE ROUGH OR ROUGHLY SQUARED

UAE 603

OTHER 87

TOTAL 690

B) SIC 243 WOOD SHAPED OR SIMPLY WORKED

AUSTRIA 1507

SINGAPORE 902

UAE 2572

ITALY 409

OTHERS 678

TOTAL 6069

C) SIC 631.2 PLYWOOD (INCL. VENEERED PANELS)

UAE 1278

SINGAPORE 697

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INDIA 186

OTHER 355

TOTAL 2517

D) SIC 631.4 "IMPROVED" OR RECONSTITUTED WOOD

UAE 792

UK 76

OTHER 154

TOTAL 1022

E) SIC 632.4 BUILDERS WOODWORK AND PREFAB BUILDINGS

(INCL. DOORS, SASHES, ETC.)

UAE 343

UK 199

INDIA 132

OTHER 126

TOTAL 801

3. MOST WOOD HERE USED FOR CONCRETE POURING FRAMES FOR
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, AND THUS LOW QUALITY. IN VIEW HIGH
TRANSPORT COST, LIKELY US CAN COMPETE ONLY IN SMALLER BUT
GROWING FINISHING LUMBER MARKET (E.G. DOOR AND WINDOW FRAME
MATERIAL, PANELING, ETC.)

4. HAVE REQUESTED PRICE DATA FROM LEADING IMPORTER AND
QUANTITY SURVEYOR. WILL REPORT WHEN RECEIVED.

5. LEADING IMPORTERS: W.J. TOWELL, ZUBAIR ENTERPRISES,
GENERAL TRADING CO. (P.O. BOX 84) AND MAJOR TRADING
COMPANIES. CDO AND COMMERCE HAVE ADDRESSES FOR THESE.
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